

Welcome

You may have already heard via our communications channels that we have now appointed my replacement as PCB chair!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Luvjit Kandula to the post and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well.

As a result, this will be my last introduction to the newsletter but I am sure I will see you around as I continue in my substantive role as chair of the GM Optometry Provider Board (OPB) and in my work with the wider GM Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).

We have also appointed a vice-chair of the PCB in Dr Tim Dalton, who you may know as the relatively new chair of the GM General Practice Provider Board (GPB).

I'd like to thank everyone for their support and contributions over the past few years as we have seen the PCB form and grow to what it is today, which is a valid and significant partner in the ICP; providing a unified voice on behalf of all primary care providers in GM.

We have included more information about these new appointments in the news item below, so please have a read.

As you will see, the PCB is extremely busy and involved in lots of projects and programmes of work, with plenty more in the pipeline.

This update represents just a flavour of what we're involved in or supporting, so please regularly check our website and social channels for up-to-date information.

If you have any comments or suggestions about this update, please let us know by emailing: info.gmpcb@nhs.net

Thank you,

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PCB news

Changes to PCB leadership

A huge [welcome](#) to our new chair, Luvjit Kandula, and vice-chair, Dr Tim Dalton. They will represent and support the four areas of primary care – dentistry, general practice, pharmacy and optometry – providing a unified voice within Greater Manchester. Further updates to the [wider membership](#) are to follow.

ICP joint forward plan

The [Joint Forward Plan](#), produced by Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership, is now available on the [ICP website](#).

This is the detailed action plan to support the ICP Strategy that was agreed in March 2023.

Primary Care sit-rep support page

Watch this space for updates on the new primary care sit-rep support page on the PCB website which is currently under construction. You may have been engaged in the development of the new situation reports being developed for ALL provider disciplines across primary care and our Business Intelligence (BI) team is working behind the scenes on getting them updated following valuable feedback.

Progressing PCNs – new PCN leadership programme

A new PCN Leadership Programme has been launched by Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board (GMPCB) in partnership with the NHS Confederation.

[‘Progressing PCNs’](#) is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 6 September and has been specifically designed for PCN clinical directors together with PCN managers, or another senior clinical leader from the same PCN.

Proactive care – new support offer for PCNs

NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care (NHSGM) and Greater Manchester Primary Care Provider Board (GMPCB) will deliver an exciting new [support package](#) for 20 PCNs in Greater Manchester.

The six-month programme includes targeted support for PCNs to develop new models of proactive care with the aim of improving patient outcomes and reducing demand on primary and secondary care.

Greater Manchester Resilience Hub – new campaign

‘Putting on a brave face?’ is a [new campaign](#) aimed at health and care staff across Greater Manchester.

The campaign raises awareness of the Greater Manchester Resilience Hub’s staff [wellbeing service](#).

GM health and care champion awards

Congratulations to those primary care colleagues who were shortlisted for the GM Health and Social Care Champions Awards!

We’re delighted that Hawkleigh Brook Medical Practice scooped [Employer of the Year](#) on the back of the Wigan based GP practice becoming the first health and care organisation to become a member of the Good Employment Charter.

To view all winners and shortlists, visit the [GM Integrated Care Partnership](#) website.

Invitation to submit research to SAPC conference

Primary care colleagues are invited to [submit research](#) ahead of this year's Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) North conference in Manchester.

Examples of primary care research projects, or abstracts, should be around this year's conference themes of partnering with local communities, improving health equity and embracing technological and societal change.

Podcasts

The latest Primary Care Knowledge Boost (PCKB) [podcast](#) features Community Pharmacy Board chair, Luvjit Kandula, talking about the pressures that community pharmacy are under and the different and emerging services they are involved in.

Also, Practice Manager Kay Keane highlights the work they do at Urban Village Medical Practice in Manchester to support their homeless patients in accessing services, in an Ockham Healthcare [podcast](#).

Care navigation training

PCNs can still [register](#) for care navigation training. Provided by NHS England, this [training](#) is intended to support the delivery of the Primary Care Access Improvement Plan.

Studies for general practice and dentistry

The Primary Care Advisory Board is raising awareness of various [study opportunities](#) for primary care, including general practice and dentistry.

Update on direct communications to primary care

Further to previous messages about how we are working with NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care on reviewing and streamlining communications to primary care colleagues, please read [this update](#) from Tracey Vell, Chief Officer of the PCB and Rob Bellingham, Director of Primary Care and Strategic Commissioning for NHS GM Integrated Care.

Dates for your diary...

- [Polypharmacy Action Learning Sets](#) - for GPs passionate about stopping medicines safely:
[Cohort 10](#) (8 November, 22 November, 6 December)
[Cohort 11](#) (24 January, 7 February 28 February)
- Pain management techniques and the benefits of reducing harm from opioids workshop – by Health Innovation Manchester: [21 September](#)
- Good Employment Health and Care [Lunch and Learn](#) – by the Good Employment Charter: [23 August](#)
- [Growth after grief](#) – by Doctors in Distress: starts [5 October](#)
- [PCN Development Programme](#) – spaces still available on some sessions: [14 September](#)

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